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Mr. James J. Barry, Commissioner  
Department of Public Welfare  
State House Annex

Re: Method of Allocating Administrative Costs  
of Federal-State Old Age & Survivors  
Insurance Program

Dear Mr. Barry:

In reply to your letter of November 2, 1953 with reference to the above subject, I reply as follows:

Section 7 of chapter 234, Laws of 1951, specifically states that funds for the cost of administering the act shall be obtained from the appropriate political sub-division on a pro-rata basis "based upon the number of members of said state division or political sub-division coming within the provisions of this act."

Determination of contributions must be made in accordance with this specific method. While it may be administratively desirable to collect by assessing costs based on a fixed percentage of a political sub-division's wage contribution, the statute as now written would not allow it.

Very truly yours,

Richard C. Duncan  
Assistant Attorney General

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